

Liber M M the tenth day of April One thousand Six hundred Seventy three petitioning the Provinciaall Court in the absence of the Said John was by the Said Court Sett free But the Said John Saith that by the Said Indenture the Said Christopher Ought not to be free for that he Saith the Same is not the Act and Deed of the Said Abell London and this he prayes may be enquired off by the Country and the Said Christopher likewise Therefore Comānd is given to the Sheriff of S^t Maries County that he cause to come here twelve &c who neither &c by whom &c to recognize &c because aswell &c.

Now here at this day to wit the thirteenth day of ffebruary in the 43th yeare of the Dominion of Caecilius &c Annoq; Dom̃ 1674 Came the said Christopher by his Attorney and the Said John by his Attorney and the jurors of that jury came likewise to wit Roger Baker Thomas Bowdle John Burage John Garnish James Veitch Justinian Gerard John Gittings Cornelius Watkinson W^m Watts Walter Hall Robert Proctor and James Bowling who being impannelled Sumōned and sworne to say the truth in the premisses upon their Oathes doe say Wee find for the plaintiff Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said Christopher recover against the Said John Stephens the summe of foure hundred and
p. 501 fifty pounds of tobacco for his Corne, and his Cloathes hoes and axe in Kind as also the summe of nine hundred & twenty pounds of tobacco for his costs and charges in this behalfe laid Out and expended and the Said John Stephens in mercy.

Robert Wells	}	Hance Hanson late of Kent County otherwise called
ag ^t		Hance Hanson of Kent County in Maryland was
Hance Hanson		Sumōned to answer unto Robert Wells in a plea that he render unto him the Summe of Eight hundred pounds of tobacco which to him he oweth & unjustly deteineth.

And whereupon the Said Robert by Kenelm Cheseldyn his Attorney Saith that whereas the said Hance Hanson the Sixteenth day of September in the yeare One thousand Six hundred Seventy foure by his certaine writeing Obligatory Sealed with the Seale of the said Hance here in Court produced whose date is the Same day and yeare abovewritten did Oblige himselfe to pay or cause to be paid unto Robert Wells of the place aforesaid the full and just Summe of Eight hundred pounds of tobacco in caske On the tenth day of October next ensuing the date thereof to be paid upon the Plantation of John Wells notwithstanding which the said Hance the said Summe of Eight hundred pounds of tobacco to him the said Robert though often thereunto required the said summe of Eight hundred pounds of tobacco according to the tenor of his Said writeing Obligatory hath not paid though often there unto required but the Same to pay hitherto hath and Still doth deny to the damage of the said